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SUBJECT: KOREAN POLICY

1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT INTER-AGENCY STUDY  
ON KOREA POLICY, WHICH WE RECOMMENDED PREVIOUSLY,  
IS NOW UNDER WAY. I WOULD URGE THAT THIS STUDY  
ENCOMPASS NOT ONLY THE CURRENT POLICY ISSUES WE FACE,  
BUT ALSO A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE UNDERLINING CORE  
RELATIONSHIP WE SEEK WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
OVER THE NEXT DECADE, THAT IT BE BASED ON A REALISTIC  
PRECEPTION OF THE CURRENT KOREAN SCENE, AND  
THAT IT LOOK FORWARD TO KOREA'S EVOLUTION OVER THE  
NEXT DECADE.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO A KOREA POLICY STUDY  
ALONG THESE LINES, THE EMBASSY HAS PREPARED THREE PAPERS  
WHICH WE WILL BE FORWARDING SEPARATELY BY TELEGRAM  
JUNE 20 AND 23, WITH APOLOGIES FOR THEIR LENGTH:

(A) THE EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED OUR BASIC ASSUMPTIONS  
AND PRECONCEPTIONS REGARDING KOREA TO ACHIEVE A  
GREATER SENSE OF ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL NOT BE CAUGHT  
SHORT BY UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS AND THAT WE ARE NOT  
DELUDING OURSELVES BY JUDGMENTS MADE SOME YEARS AGO  
WHICH ARE NO LONGER VALID.

(B) A BRIEF PAPER, SUMMARIZING THE DYNAMIC AND  
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EVOLVING NATURE OF THE KOREAN SCENE AND A FEW BROAD

PROJECTIONS, BASED ON OUR CONCLUSION THAT KOREA IS IN  
TRANSITION FROM A CLIENT STATE TO MIDDLE POWER STATUS.

(C) THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON OUR  
CORE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH KOREA, POINTING UP INADEQUACIES  
IN OUR POLICY AND THE NEED TO DEVELOP A DURABLE RELATION  
SHIP WHICH WILL STAND THE TEST OF A DECADE OR MORE.

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